

## FITZGERALD MAY FIGHT.

HIS FRIENDS WILL NOT SEE HIM  
SHELVED BY GEN. TILLINGHAM.

The Albany Plan to retire New York City's  
Brigade Commander, Avenue Rich Indus-  
trial—indications of a scheme to make  
Adj.-Gen. Tillingham Major-General.

Interest in the projected reorganization  
of the National Guard was overshadowed yester-  
day by the news that the forces of Gen. Louis  
Fitzgerald of the First Brigade and those of  
Adj.-Gen. C. Whitney Tillingham 2d, would  
look down upon the Major-Generalship of this  
division which it is intended to create. This  
would mean a battle royal between the power-  
ful First Brigade, commanded by Brig.-Gen.  
Fitzgerald, and the Adjutant-General's office,  
with all the Governor's influence behind it.  
The month of December seems to be the regular  
period for internal warfare in the Guard.  
Last December the rank and file were torn up  
by the controversy caused by Inspector Gen-  
eral McLevee's annual report, in which he  
severely criticized Adj.-Gen. McAlpin. Gen.  
McLevee found to his cost that there was a  
certain sacredness about the office of Adjutant-  
General that the Governor would not permit  
to be violated, for within twenty-four hours  
after his report was published he was re-  
moved from his office by Gov. Morton.

The announcement made yesterday by Adj-  
Gen. Tillingham that in behalf of Gov. Black he  
had tendered a Major-Generalship to Gen. Fitz-  
gerald, with two brigades under him, fanned into  
a flame the embers of discontent that have been  
developed among the officers of the First Bri-  
gade by the alleged intention of the powers at  
Albany to "turn down" the brigade command-  
er at New York City. On every hand were  
heard expressions of indignation. If Gen. Fitz-  
gerald be deemed fit to be a Major-General of  
only two brigades and not of the five in the  
State, the authorities at Albany would seem  
to imply that the leading brigade in the State  
is commanded by a man unable to fill a larger  
office. This is the sentiment that underlies  
the yet unvoiced intention of the Governor  
considered on all sides as a clumsy attempt to  
get Gen. Fitzgerald out of the way and leave  
the way clear for the candidate in favor at  
Albany.

It has been observed for some time by officers  
of the First Brigade that the occasion of the re-  
organization would be made use of to leave the  
Albany headquarters free to carry out any  
scheme it chose. To place the influential com-  
mander of the New York brigade in so power-  
ful a position as the Major-Generalship would  
tend to diminish the importance of the Albany  
officials. That it was determined to avoid  
this was observed this week, when Gov.  
Black announced the commission of Gen-  
eral officers to meet on Monday at Albany to  
make plans for the reorganization. Regimental  
commandants in this city were as-  
tounded to see that Gen. Fitzgerald's name was  
not on the list, although he is the ranking  
Brigadier-General in the State.

This is the composition of the board that  
aroused such a storm of indignation: Col.  
Frederick Plisterer, an old guardman and at  
present Assistant Adjutant-General; Col. Dan-  
iel Appleton of the Seventh Regiment of New  
York; Col. Ezra D. Forrest of the Twenty-  
third Regiment of Brooklyn; Col. Samuel M.  
Welch of the Sixty-fifth of Buffalo; Col. Wil-  
liam W. Ladd of Brooklyn, Assistant Judge-  
Advocate-General; Col. McCook Butt,  
Twelfth New York; Capt. Jacob W. Miller  
of the Naval Militia; Capt. E. Goodier of the  
Sixty-fourth Separate Company; Major  
Charles F. Roe of Squadron A, New York.

Then it became known that Gen. Tillingham  
came to New York a few days ago to confer per-  
sonally on Gen. Fitzgerald the "honor" the Gov-  
ernor is credited with wishing to confer upon him.  
Gen. Fitzgerald very promptly declined the honor.  
Although there was no "secret" in the matter,  
it is known that the New York General made  
his opinion of the "honor" very clearly  
known. Gen. Fitzgerald's friends do not ap-  
preciate his language when discussing this alleged  
"honor." They say that if he had planned to  
go into effect by Jan. 15, if Gen. Fitz-  
gerald had accepted the command as Major-  
General of the two brigades, he would probably  
have had time to get his uniform before he  
would have been displaced and left without a  
command. As Gen. Tillingham said in a pub-  
lished statement, "this command (Gen. Fitz-  
gerald's two brigades) would obtain until suc-  
ceeded by the reorganization now con-  
templated."

The friends of Gen. Fitzgerald declared yester-  
day that everything pointed to an attempt to  
foist Gen. Tillingham upon the Guard as a  
Major-General. They said that the Governor  
the Guard will be incalculably injured. One of-  
ficer high in the brigade, said yesterday: "It  
was a bitter quarrel, but the result was sent to  
as Adjutant-General a man whose military ex-  
perience was limited to a Lieutenant in a sep-  
arate company at Troy, but when they try to  
raise him to a Major-General they are putting  
loyalty to the Guard to a severe test."  
Brigade commandants in this city did not take  
any stock yesterday in the report that Adj-  
Gen. Tillingham would be promoted to Major-  
General. They said that the Adjutant-General  
is only a figurehead, and that the real power  
wink the friends of Gen. Fitzgerald and make  
it appear as if there were no personal ambition  
work against the time when the Adjutant-  
General's office will be how gracefully the  
Adjutant-General will sacrifice his business  
duties.

These supporters of the New York General  
travel back to the Grand parade of last year  
to prove the continued attempt of the ad-  
ministration at Albany to discredit Gen. Fitz-  
gerald. Gov. Black has been prominent in  
his absence Gen. Fitzgerald, the senior Bri-  
gade of the State, should, according to military  
rules and precedents, have been promoted to  
the position of Major-General. But the Adjutant-  
General's office made no mention of this, and  
so, to the astonishment of his friends, he  
was not promoted.

There and then, for the first time in the  
history of the Guard of the Empire State, a  
staff officer was seen upon a public parade.  
of a field officer in a public parade. Though it  
is not generally known, some regimental com-  
manders were so incensed that they were  
seriously considered whether they should not  
refuse to obey Gen. Tillingham's orders.  
The reason for this was that the Adjutant-  
General is found in the fact that the New York  
brigade has been the only one in the State  
officially opposed to some of the leading ideas of  
reorganization advocated at Albany. One of  
these concerns the pay of officers. The State  
politicians wish to create a lot of fat  
offices—big emoluments. These salaries  
would not be paid to the officers, but to the  
in order to prevent protests from the taxpayers,  
but the pay would be arranged by allowing so  
much for active service, and the time spent  
in favor of these fat offices, and more than this,  
he is against the tendency to centralize power  
at Albany. The officials there have been try-  
ing to clip the wings of the brigade command-  
ers, while Gen. Fitzgerald has been making  
greater liberty, with more work for their staffs  
to do.

The conspicuous way in which Gen. Fitz-  
gerald has been ignored may dash the hopes of the  
Albany officers that Gen. Fitzgerald would re-  
sign quietly before the end of the year. The  
General is known as a fighter, was wounded in  
the civil war, and he would not be treated  
treat under fire. It was his intention some  
days ago to resign. His friends do not deny  
this. Now, however, the aspect of affairs is  
entirely changed.

His friends have declared that his duty to  
the State as well as to himself demands that he  
oppose to the end any scheme to shelve him  
and thus to make the First Brigade. This  
stand by his friends is not a demand that he  
his original intention of resigning. Gen. Fitz-  
gerald has made it plain to the State and his  
admirers should decide to make a fight, it  
would be an interesting one.

Gen. Fitzgerald was interviewed yesterday  
and said: "I have not been consulted about  
any reorganization, and I know nothing about  
the matter."  
In these few words the General plainly in-  
dicated how he has been ignored.  
Major Henry B. Van Duzer, Judge Advocate  
of the First Brigade, was asked yesterday  
about Gen. Fitzgerald and the Major-General-  
ship. He said: "If the statement published  
this morning is correct, which I presume it is,  
it is a source of gratification to me to know  
that Gen. Fitzgerald decided to ignore any  
personal reward for the services he knew he  
could not render, and it was not expected that  
he could render, to the National Guard, and  
the who know the General know that he  
could have taken no other course than the  
signified one he has."

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some assorted decorations and colorings;  
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cotta ground with rare blue and cream  
chrysanthemum leaves and flowers (chocolate  
with gold); very handsome; \$5.00 each.

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"Sapho," to a firm of New York publishers, they  
decided that it wouldn't do for them to publish  
such a book, and a cable despatch was sent to  
Paris saying "Sapho" not accepted." In his  
astonishment Daudet could think of no reason  
why his book should be refused. He went to a  
friend with the cable despatch and asked an ex-  
planation of him. The friend happened to know  
English, and his theory of the refusal of his  
masterpiece was a curious one. "The name of  
the heroine," he said, "is in English spelled with  
two p's, and you have written only one."

That explanation satisfied the French author,  
who immediately cabled to the American pub-  
lishers: "Spell 'Sapho' with two p's if you  
like." But even that privilege was not enough  
to induce the firm to publish "Sapho." It was  
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Manhattan Trust Company of New York, the  
mortgages of the stockholders, and this corpo-  
ration's responsibilities to the bondholders. The  
line has proved disastrous to the promoters, the  
West India Improvement Company of New  
York, who purchased it from the Government of  
Jamaica in 1888 and built 130 miles of exten-  
sions. Their financial failure may mainly be